

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment, without prejudice, before beginning examination of the above-identified patent application, and early favorable action by the Examiner.

After entry of this amendment, claims 1-3 and 6-10 will be pending. Claims 4, 5, and 11-31 have been cancelled and claims 1-3 and 6-10 have been amended to clarify the scope of the invention. Support for the claim amendments may be found, for example, in the originally filed claims.

Applicant believes that no fee is required for this Amendment to be entered and considered. However, please consider this a conditional authorization to charge any fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

The claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney would expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 570-1806.

Respectfully submitted,

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